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From: William Stokes
To: Paul Baker
Date: 12/17/2009 3:37 PM
Subject: Re: TJ Clark Mine ML43260

ML 43260 expired on 3-16-07. You are correct that there was no surface disturbance created by Fremont Corp. As for the bond it was issued by First Security Bank, bond reference # [redacted] effective date 10-13-1999, amount \$5,000.00, and was transferred to DOGM in that blanked transfer of CDs we did a number of years ago. I believe that First Security was taken over by Wells Fargo. I see no reason to keep the NOI active.

>>> Paul Baker 12/17/2009 2:30 PM >>>
Will--

Is this lease still valid? Our records indicate SITLA is holding a reclamation surety (CD) of \$5000. Is that correct?

I went to this area in 2001 and found some old disturbances but nothing new. I don't believe Freemont Corporation has ever done anything which is what their annual reports indicate. Do you know differently?

Would there be any difficulty for the operator if this NOI was closed? It's been 11 years with nothing going on. From our perspective, he could just re-apply when he decides to start mining.

Let me know what you think. Thank you.

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